

4829 Morella Ave.
No. Hollywood, Cal 07
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Dear Harold,

Enclosed, please find two memos detailing virtually all I know about the Hepburn Deal. You will see that I now consider it to be a total phony.

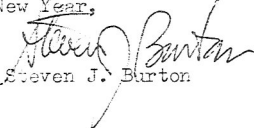
You probably remembered that I had a different opinion several months ago. This was because I placed too, way too, much credence in what Jaffe told me. He had said that this was definitely French Intelligence (which I still believe), that they had great evidence, but that they knew little about the operational level (which is supposed to explain the inaccuracies there). I considered the book itself to be insignificant and was relying on the evidence I had not seen. No longer can this be the case. I also felt that those persons who had no contact whatsoever with the behind-the-scenes facets of this fiasco were not in a position to really come to a conclusion. I was wrong, overly enthusiastic, and too much a sheep. Never again.

Because this issue appears to be dead for the time being, I suggest that a hue and cry now is not in order. I prepared the memos for the record and for any future actions involving the film. Copies of the memos are for you and Ivon only. I was going to send them to everyone, but do not now consider that necessary. If it is dead, let's leave it that way. But be prepared for eventualities.

The hearsay addendum must not be used as evidence of anything. Please do not circulate it to anyone unless it is absolutely necessary. I report its contents only because they may be relevant but I do not want to bring personal friends into this unless I have to.

A copy will go to Ivon and no one else. This way, the record is in three files and available.

Best wishes for a successful
New Year.


Steven J. Burton